

House Resolution No. 88

Whereas, few individuals have had as much impact upon the American consciousness as the late civil rights leader, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929; and

Whereas, Dr. King attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, and Boston University, where he earned his Doctorate in Systematic Theology before returning to the South and accepting the pastorate of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1954; and

Whereas, one of the world's best known advocates of nonviolent social change strategies who changed the lives of millions, Dr. King fought for the rights of all African-Americans through his thought-provoking books, letters, demonstrations, marches, campaigns, and speeches, including his famous "I Have a Dream" oration that opened the eyes of countless Americans to the enormous need for tolerance and understanding both in this country and throughout the world; and

Whereas, in keeping with the ever-increasing importance placed on Martin Luther King Day observances, the Missouri State General Assembly will for the second year stand in adjournment from Thursday, January 15, 2004, until Tuesday, January 20, 2004; and

Whereas, on Monday, January 19, 2004, citizens all across this fine state and nation will solemnly pause in observance of the life and lifetime achievements of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., including the esteemed residents of Springfield, Missouri, who will hold an annual March and Ceremony which has been sponsored by the Springfield Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since 1983:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously applaud the ongoing positive effects of the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and proudly commend the Springfield Chapter of the NAACP for its efforts to honor Dr. King for his lasting contributions to the hope and future of this great state and nation; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Springfield Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon, #140

Representative James Viebrock, #134
Representative Roy W. Holand, #135
Representative B.J. Marsh, #136
Representative Mark Wright, #137
Representative Larry Morris, #138
Representative Brad Roark, #139
Representative Michael L. Cunningham, #145

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 88, adopted January 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker